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Fig. 1.

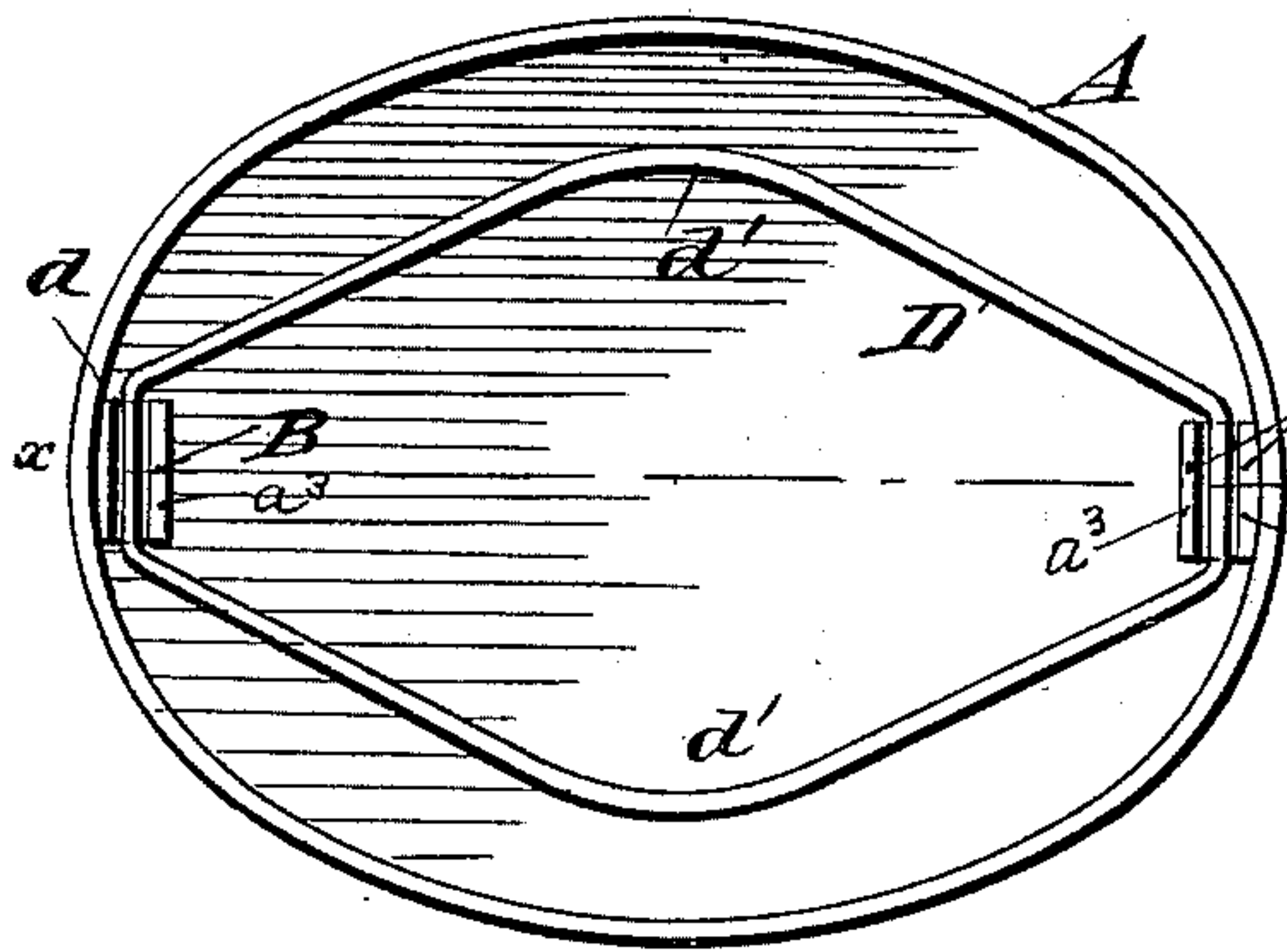


Fig. 3.

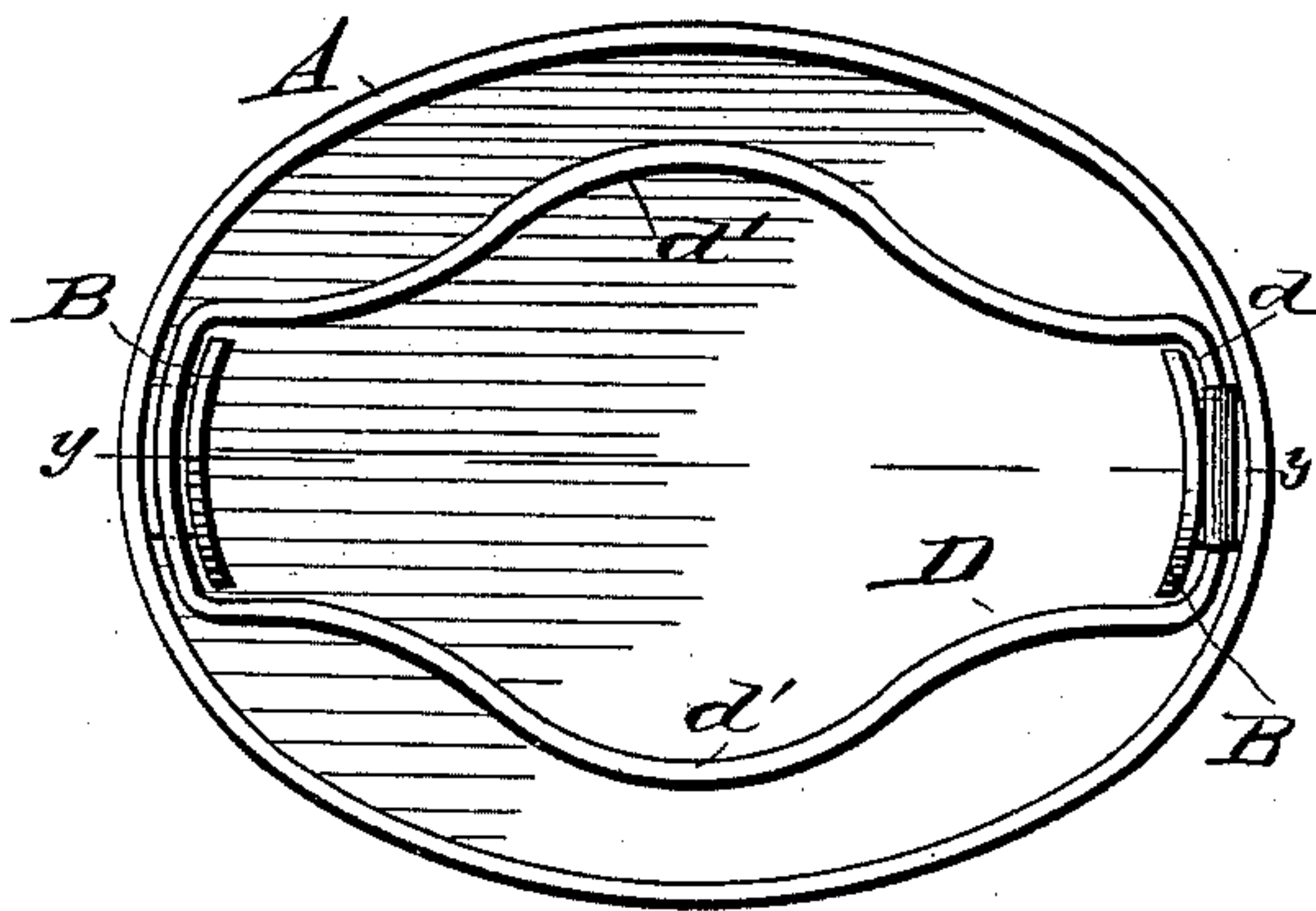


Fig. 2.

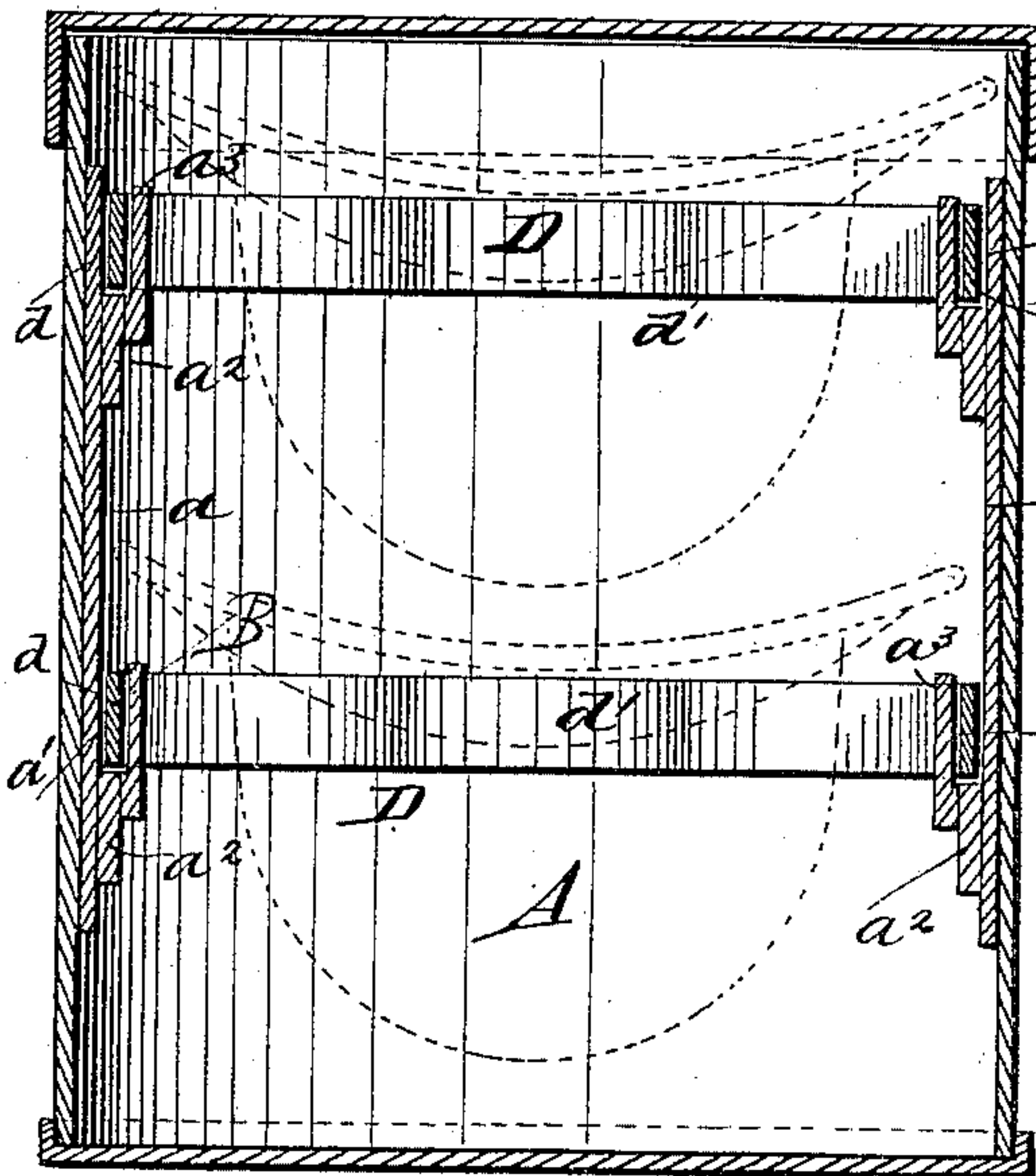


Fig. 4.

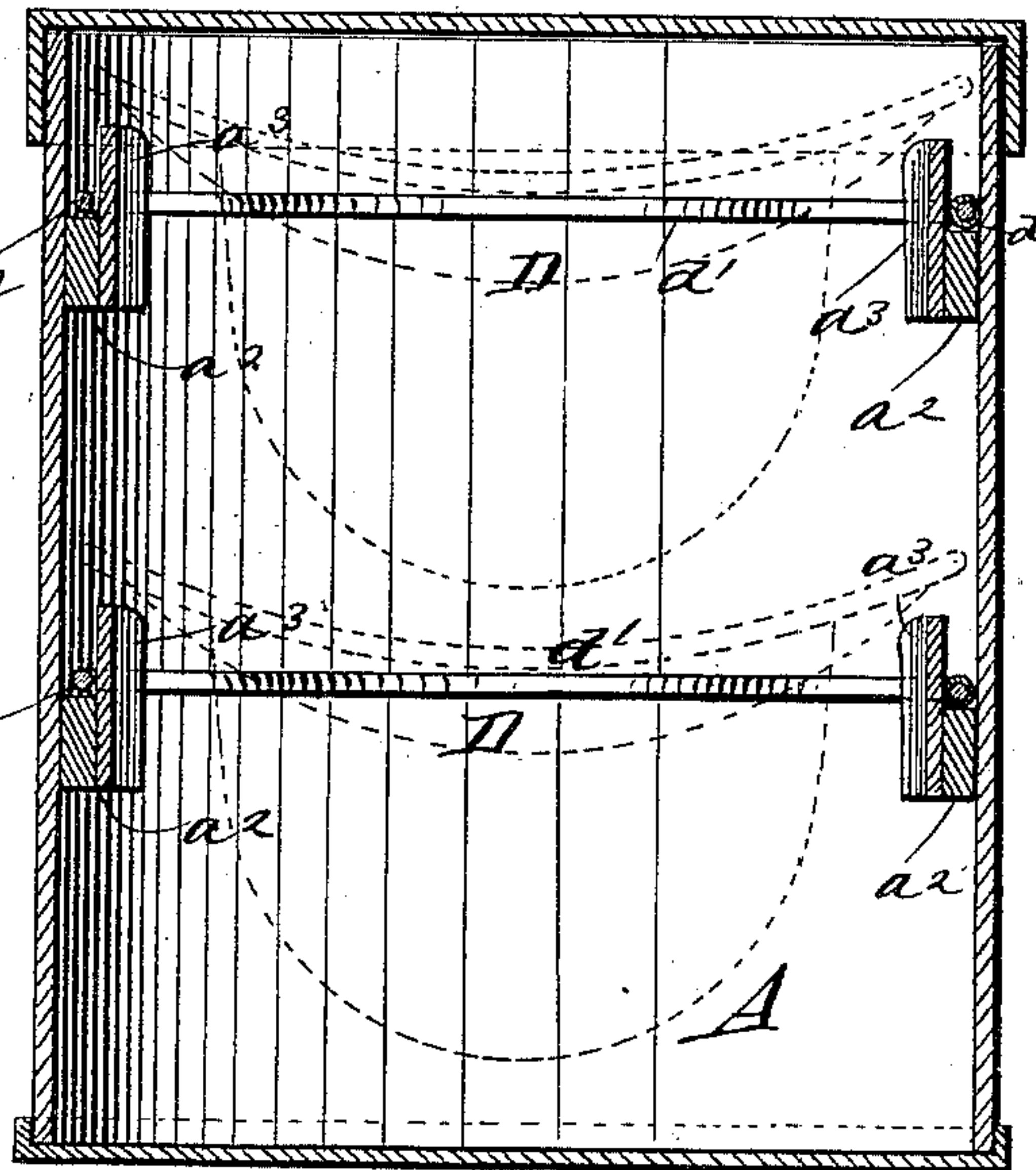
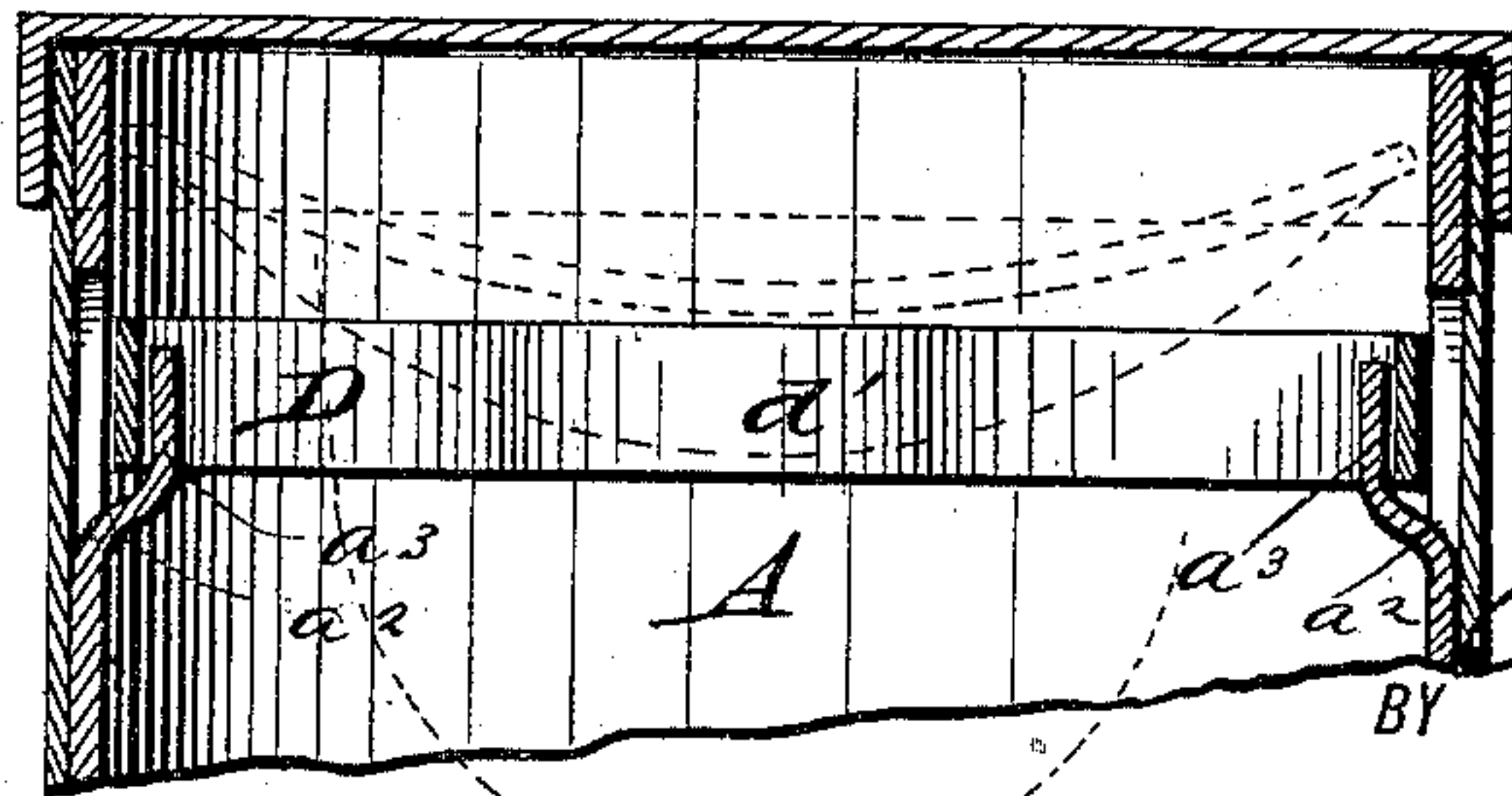


Fig. 5.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES W. SEYMOUR, of the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Rests for Packing Hats, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to an improvement in rests for packing hats and in the boxes carrying the same, and has for its object to provide a means whereby a series of hats may be securely packed and shipped long distances without the slightest injury thereto, and wherein also the hat may be readily, conveniently, and expeditiously unpacked and repacked by an inexperienced person.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a plan view of a box having my improvement applied. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same on line  $xx$  of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a plan view of a slightly-modified form, and Fig. 4 is a vertical section on line  $yy$  of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a central vertical section illustrating a slight modification in the supports for the device.

In carrying out the invention the box A, in which the hats are to be packed, is provided upon the inner face at opposing sides with a series of spaced horizontally-aligning brackets or supports, B.

The brackets or supports may be constructed in many different ways, among which the preferred forms are best illustrated in Figs. 2, 4, and 5.

The construction set forth in Fig. 2 consists of a strip,  $a$ , of pasteboard, metal, or other suitable or equivalent material, bent upon itself to form the body  $a'$ , adapted for attachment to the inner face of the box through the medium of rivets, glue, paste, or their equivalents, the spacing blocks or plates  $a^2$ , and the essentially perpendicular arm  $a^3$ , between which arm and the body a space is made to intervene by reason of the plate  $a^2$ .

The bracket illustrated in Fig. 4 consists of a series of spacing-blocks,  $a^2$ , attached to the box in perpendicular alignment, and an upwardly-projecting arm,  $a^3$ , secured to each block; or, if desired, the arm  $a^3$  may be provided with a flange upon the inner face at the bottom, which flange is attached to the box.

In Fig. 5 the brackets are formed by cutting the sides of the box at intervals in a vertical line and bending the lip thus formed inward to form the vertical bracket-arm  $a^3$ , the curve at the intersection of the arm with the box being the equivalent of the spacing blocks or plates.

The hat-rest or carrying-frame D consists of a wire rod, (shown in Figs. 3 and 4,) or a strip of pasteboard or other suitable material, bent into the general shape of a hat-crown, but having loop ends which are longer than the width of the hat-crown, to adapt them for engagement with or attachment to the brackets. The opposing sides  $d'$  of the rests are curved outwardly to essentially conform to the contour of the crown of the hat at its intersection with the brim. The rests or supports D are, by reason of the economy of material, preferably constructed of pasteboard, and when so made the board is formed into rings, the ends being glued, the rings being made a quarter to a half inch shorter than desired. The rings are then placed upon a suitable form, steamed, and uniformly stretched to the proper contour and size.

In operation, a rest, D, is passed over the first or lower set of brackets, and a hat properly papered or wrapped is placed in said rest, crown downward, whereupon it is supported by the upper side surface of the brim, which is the most heavily papered, causing inner contact with and bearing upon the shaped sides of the rest. The hat only touches at this point, which, as aforesaid, is the best protected.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with a packing-box provided with a series of spaced brackets upon opposite inner sides, of a hat-rest consisting of a ring of the general shape of the hat-crown, and having loop ends longer than

the width of the hat-crown, substantially as specified.

2. The combination, with a packing-box having a series of brackets,  $a^3$ , formed of portions of said box, which are slit and bent inward, as specified, and the ring having the general shape of the hat-crown, and loop ends

which are longer than the width of the hat-crown, as shown and described.

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